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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION -- INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
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IN MAY 18 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENTIAL DIPLOMATIC COUNSELLOR
PIERRE DIOUF, EMBOFF USED TALKING POINTS SET FORTH REFTEL TO
DESCRIBE CURRENT U.S. REACTION TO SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. DIOUF
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND REACTED WITH UNDER-
STANDING TO U.S. PRESENTATION, PARTICULARLY AGREEING WITH
POINT THAT AFRICAN DISPUTES MUST BE RESOLVED BY AFRICANS
THEMSELVES. HE DREW ATTENTION TO ENDORSEMENT BY SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AT LAST WEEKEND'S DAKAR MEETING
(DAKAR 3722) OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S CALL FOR CONDEMNATION
OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA FROM WHATEVER SOURCE.
HOWEVER, HE SAID, SENEGAL MAINTAINED THAT, ONCE EXTERNAL
FORCES BECOME INVOLVED, AFFECTED COUNTRY HAS RIGHT TO SEEK
EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFEND ITSELF. HE SEEMED
UNCONCERNED WITH DEBATE OVER WHETHER CUBANS ARE ACTUALLY
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AMONG INVADERS, POINTING OUT THAT THEY WERE UNDOUBTEDLY
PROVIDING LOGISTIC SUPPORT INSIDE ANGOLA BUT POSSIBLY
STOPPING AT BORDER. HE NOTED THAT ZAIRE SITUATION WOULD
BE IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL CONCERN OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S
CURRENT TALKS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IN
PARIS. DIOUF HIMSELF DEPARTS NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND
SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

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